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Title: TAPE STRIPPING METHODS FOR ANALYSIS OF SKIN DISEASE AND
PATHOLOGICAL SKIN STATE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed March 13, 2006, and the subsequent
Advisory Action mailed July 12, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of
this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper

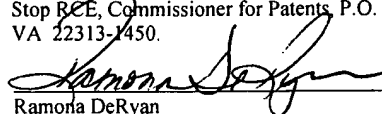
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